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## THE WAR. TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### DUTCH SHIPS TO BE TAKEN OVER.

THE RIGHT OF "ANGARIE."  
London, Mar. 14.  
It is understood that the Allied  
Governments intend to avail them-  
selves of the right of Angarie, as  
provided in international law, and  
will take over, for the duration of the  
war, the Dutch shipping at present  
lying in Allied ports.  
It is recalled that the Germans  
exercised this right in 1871 and  
destroyed British vessels in the  
Seine, subsequently paying com-  
pensation.  
The Allies will secure good freight  
for the ships taken over, which will  
be insured, and efforts will be made  
to replace them as early as possible  
after the declaration of peace, if any  
are sunk in the danger zone.  
Similar arrangements have already  
been welcomed by other neutral  
nations.  
The foregoing decision clearly  
shows that there is no question of  
the Allies treating the Dutch un-  
fairly or acting in the inimical  
fashion which has characterised  
German methods towards Holland,  
such as torpedoing Dutch shipping  
without compensation.  
The earlier protracted negotiations  
in order to arrive at a *modus vivendi*  
whereby the Dutch should receive  
food in exchange for the use of her  
ships resulted, adversely owing to  
German pressure on Holland.  
It is emphasised that the taking  
over of ships will still enable Holland  
to trade in the Dutch East Indies.  
The maintenance of the Dutch  
Colonial Empire is equally import-  
ant to Allied as to Dutch interests.  
[The word "angarie" used in the  
message was derived from the old  
Persian by the Greeks and retained in  
the Latin word *sequestrare* which denotes  
compulsory service. International law  
confers on a belligerent State the  
right to appropriate and take over  
neutral vessels on payment of a reason-  
able price, with compensation for  
loss and expenses. This belligerent  
right is called Admiralty right or  
prestation (*droit d'angarie*).]

### THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE.

New York, Mar. 15.  
The Associated Press Correspondent  
at Washington states that the United  
States and Great Britain have finally  
notified Holland that unless the pend-  
ing agreements regarding the use by  
the Allies of Dutch ships is accepted by  
March 18, the ships will be taken over.  
Ample food will be placed at Holland's  
disposal if she sends ships to transport  
it.

### MEAT EXPORTS FROM AMERICA TO BE INCREASED.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.  
The meat exports to the Allies will  
be increased by at least 50 per cent  
shortly, for the purpose of building up  
the Allies' reserves from the great  
surplus accumulated in the United  
States.

### AMPLE FOOD STORES IN AMERICA.

TRANSPORT DIFFICULTY TO  
END IN OCTOBER.  
London, Mar. 14.  
A telegram from Washington states  
that there are ample stores of food  
awaiting shipment. The only difficult  
factor at present is transportation, but  
this will rapidly improve after October  
when formidable resources will be  
available.  
Great Britain's cheerful acceptance of  
privation is completely transforming  
American sentiment towards Great  
Britain and the change is most marked.

### THE WESTERN FRONT.

#### WHY A GERMAN ATTACK FAILED.

MEN REFUSE TO LEAVE  
TRENCHES.  
London, Mar. 14.  
[Reuter's Correspondent at Head-  
quarters states that a German non-  
commissioned officer, taken prisoner  
in the recent enemy attack, north  
of Passchendaele, says that the  
failure of the attack was largely due  
to inaccurate artillery support and  
the erratic firing of machine-  
guns.]  
Apparently the attack was de-  
signed to be delivered in considerable  
strength, but owing to the prompti-  
tude of our counter-barrage, the  
prisoners say that many men refused  
to leave the trenches, because they  
were undressed and "thoroughly  
disgusted."

### BRITISH BOMBING OPERATIONS.

#### THE ATTACK ON FREIBURG.

LONDON, Mar. 14.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig,  
reporting on aviation, states:—  
We dropped 700 bombs on billets  
and railway sidings at Courtrai and  
Dainin and also on an aerodrome used  
by the enemy's night flyers.  
There was very severe fighting be-  
tween large formations. We brought  
down 19 aeroplanes and drove down  
five of our machines are missing.  
The Australian and Naval squadrons  
were of the greatest value during the  
recent fine weather.  
During the raid on Freiburg, on  
Wednesday, bombs burst on the  
railway station and around a power  
station. A large number of hostile  
machines attacked our aeroplanes after  
the bombs had been released. A  
fierce fight ensued and lasted until all  
the hostile machines were forced to  
withdraw.  
Three of our machines did not return.

### THE SIAMESE MILITARY MISSION.

#### MEMBERS HONOURED BY THE KING.

LONDON, Mar. 13.  
The King, in receiving the Siamese  
Military Mission at Buckingham Palace,  
conferred a Knight Commandership of  
the Order of St. Michael and St. George  
upon Major-General Janin and Com-  
panionship of the Order upon Lieut.-  
Colonel Prit, Lieut. Col. Songuradej, and  
Prince Caxanmogol.  
The Missioners were greatly impressed  
by the graciousness of His Majesty, who  
conferred with them about Siam and  
expressed great interest and good wishes  
for the success of the Mission, and  
confident belief in the result of the war.  
The British General Staff today  
lunched with the Missioners, who,  
after visiting military centres in Great  
Britain, will go to the British Front  
before commencing their work at their  
permanent headquarters in France.

### THE AIRSHIP ATTACK ON YORKSHIRE.

#### GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Mar. 14.  
An official message from Berlin  
states:—  
On the night of March 11, a naval  
airship squadron attacked fortified  
places and military establishments  
on the Humber and in Yorkshire and  
secured good results.  
All the airships returned undam-  
aged despite severe anti-aircraft  
gunfire.

### THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Mar. 15.  
The Silver Market is steady.  
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#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (for account of the consignor),

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#### FRIDAY,

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#### TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

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The above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on MONDAY, 18th March, 1918, at 6 p.m. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

No claim will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All claims and damaged cargo will be settled into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 15th March, 1918, at 10 a.m.

No claim will be recognized if filed after the 3rd April, 1918.

T. DAIGO,  
Manager.

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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAR. 16, 1918.

### THE HONGKONG HONOURS LIST.

THE new "Order of the British Empire"—to which six prominent residents of Hongkong have just been appointed—was instituted last year in recognition of the manifold services, voluntary and otherwise, that have been rendered both by British subjects and their Allies in connection with the war, and we think it will readily be recognised that the gentlemen who have been thus honoured in Hongkong well merit the recognition. The Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, the Attorney General, and Mr. F. C. JENKIN, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) receive the highest of the honours locally conferred. They are appointed Commanders, which is the third class of the Order, and C.B.E. may be said to be in the Order of the British Empire the equivalent of the C.M.G. in the Order of St. Michael and St. George. We do not know whether the public generally adequately appreciate the immense responsibility and labour which the war has thrown upon the Attorney General, especially in its earlier stages when a great amount of new legislation was required and when the liquidation of the enemy businesses in the Colony raised a great crop of legal questions to be dealt with by the Attorney General. If any man's work in Hongkong in connection with the war entitles him to recognition it is certainly Mr. KEMP's. But if a plebeian could have been taken in the Colony to select men for honours we can scarcely doubt that the name of Mr. F. C. JENKIN would have come out well at the top of the poll for the chief honour. Every body is aware of and recognises with unstinted appreciation the valuable services he has rendered as the successful organiser and commandant of the Hongkong Police Reserve. That force numbers about 600 men of various nationalities, and the standard of efficiency to which it has been raised is at once a splendid testimony to the organising ability Mr. JENKIN has shown, as well as to the confidence in their commander which pervades the entire force. Mr. JENKIN has certainly been the right man in the right place, and the honour which His Majesty has conferred upon him will be universally recognised in the Colony as well merited. Of the Hon. Mr. E. H. SHARP, K.C., Mr. N. J. STARR and Mr. O. G. ALABASTER, who have been honoured by appointment to the class of Officers (O.B.E.), Mr. SHARP has been Chairman of the War Charities Committee since its formation, and Mr. STARR has been the Treasurer of the indispensable Fund which the Committee is instrumental in raising and of which it undertakes the distribution for the community. It is obvious that these positions are onerous as well as honorary, and the community will appreciate the recognition which has been accorded to the gentlemen who fill them. Mr.

ALABASTER's work has not come so much into the limelight. He has done important work in connection with the censorship of cables since the beginning of the war, and though the veil of secrecy governs his labours the community will have no hesitation in believing from what they know of Mr. ALABASTER that the inclusion of his name in the Honours List is a tribute which has been well-earned. Of Mr. R. O. HUTCHISON, who is a Member of the Order (M.B.E.), we need only recall the fact that Mr. HUTCHISON from the beginning of the war until he went home on leave, broken in health, was Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, which has become during the war a very important Department indeed, and the commercial community which is familiar with the vast amount of work which the war has thrown on this Department can readily appreciate the title which the Superintendent of Imports and Exports has to some recognition in the distribution of honours for services rendered to the Empire in connection with the war. The List is satisfactory so far as it goes, but it does not contain the names of all men whose services in connection with the war merit recognition. Moreover, as the new Order of Knighthood and of the British Empire is one for which women as well as men are eligible, it would not have come amiss if there been some recognition in the list of the very useful work which the women of this Colony are doing year in and year out for the war hospitals and the comfort of soldiers and sailors on active service.

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Government Gazette notifies that Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe has resumed the duties of Police Magistrate, during the absence of Mr. A. Dyer Ball.

A Chinese was fined \$8 by Mr. Wolfe at the Magistrate's court this morning for being in the servants' quarters of Café Wiseman without permission.

One hundred and fourteen candidates for certificates as Masters, Mates and Engineers passed their examinations, at the Hongkong Harbour Office during last year.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. F. R. Johnson to act as Deputy Registrar and Appraiser of the Supreme Court, in addition to his other duties, during the absence of Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne.

His Excellency the Governor has nominated Mr. Wei Yau, C.M.G., to be a Member of the Court of the University of Hongkong for a term of three years, vice Mr. Chang Ming-chi resigned, and Mr. R. E. Thomson to be a member of the same Court during the absence of Mr. G. T. Edkins.

With reference to the certificate required by the quarantine authorities in the Philippine Islands from passengers from Hongkong indicating that they have not been in contact with cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis, the American Consulate General has arranged that hereafter certificates need be signed only by the Public Health Surgeon of the United States attached to the Consulate General. No charge is made for this service but passengers making application for such certificates should be prepared to show promptly and positively that they have not been in contact with the disease during two weeks previous to their application.

#### HOCKEY.

##### H. K. D. C. R. E.

The following will represent the Defence Corps in the above United Service League Match on Monday at Happy Valley. Rally off 5 p.m. sharp:—E. W. Hamilton, W. E. Edmonds, F. H. Cobb, J. A. Redmond, E. W. E. Young, G. H. Flacey, J. Stalker, F. E. Joelander, E. Brayne (Capt.), O. Hodgson, and F. Schnepel.

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### RACE COURSE TRAGEDY INQUIRY.

#### SEVENTH DAY.

#### EVIDENCE OF THE BOOTH OWNERS.

The Coroner's inquiry was continued this morning.

So Chee, a Chinese in the employ of the P.W.D., said he was a partner in Shed No. 10. He supervised the cooking in his shed which took place on the ground. He was there at the time of the collapse. At that time there were two shuffles with charcoal for heating tea. He heard a loud crash and when he saw the shed turning over he walked away, and before he moved two paces the shed collapsed towards Shed No. 9. There was no fire in the shed before the collapse.

By Mr. Bowley: He was knocked down and rolled over the fence. When he got up about two or three minutes after, he saw smoke issuing between sheds 8, 7 and 9. He ran away looking for his younger brother, who was at the time of the collapse. Two cooks were employed in the sheds. His shed did not collapse of itself. He believed it was pushed down by others. All the sheds appeared to be moving at the same time.

So Kit Sun, broker of the Wing Sun Co., in reply to the Coroner, said he was a partner in the Cheong Lee-booth, No. 11. He was there at the time of the collapse. There were two storeys to his shed. There was no cooking in the shed. They had only mineral waters in the shed. He was on the ground floor at the moment of the collapse. There were about 300 people in the shed at the time. He sold tickets there. He was standing at the door near the counter. He heard a stampede of people and also heard a cry of "the shed is moving." About two minutes later the shed collapsed. He managed to get out of the shed through the debris of the Race Course side. The shed fell in the direction of Shed No. 9. When he got out of the shed he noticed fire in the direction of Sheds Nos. 9 and 10. He heard a cry before the shed collapsed: "people should collapse!" but he heard no shout of fire. He did not know how many people perished in his shed. He could give no opinion as to the cause of the collapse.

By the Crown Solicitor: The other partners were Tang Yuen Chi, Chong Yu Kwok, Chong Sui Sang, Leung Chui Chün, and Leung Wuk Ting. He had been a partner in the Colonial match for several years but this was the first year he became a partner of Shed No. 11. He could not say whether this shed had as many storeys this year as in the previous years. The ground floor of his shed was the same as the plan (produced).

By Mr. Bowley: Chang Sui Nam used to be a draughtsman in Messrs. Leigh & Orange. He perished in the fire. Chang Sui Nam made out the plans. There was a separate entrance to the second floor. There was no staircase joining the two floors. He did not give instructions to "Sze Hop" to build the matchbed. Chang Sui Nam did that. There were 18 electric lamps in the first and second floors. There were no chaises in the basement below the ground floor of the shed. The public were freely admitted in the ground floor. Cash sweeps were also sold on the first floor. There was only one bucket of water for washing purposes. The lamps were not lighted at the time of the collapse.

By the Coroner: His shed was pushed down by the other sheds from the direction of Shed No. 12.

By the Crown Solicitor: He could not say whether his shed was dragged down by Shed No. 10 or pushed down by Shed No. 12, but he saw Shed No. 12 falling on his shed.

Mok Tong Yu, a tailor at No. 1, Shirley Street, said he rented the first floor of Shed No. 11 from the people who were in the ground floor. His part of the shed was called the Tai Yau. There were over 200 people there. There was no cooking in his part of the shed. The electric lights in his sheds were not switched on. He was selling cash sweeps at the time of the collapse. There were about 200 people in his shed but it was not packed. While he was selling tickets he heard a stampede in the direction of Sheds Nos. 9 and 10 but he did not know what it was. He soon heard a crashing of breaking timber and felt the shed moving. The whole shed

then came down. He was pinned down by the roof falling on him. He saw men pulling away the matting from the roof and escaping that way. He followed them and escaped to the Race Course side. He then went to Shed No. 8 to find his people, but the fire was close and he did not get there. He did not see the fire before the collapse. He saw the fire between Sheds Nos. 9 and 10 but saw no signs of it in Sheds Nos. 17 to 19. He could not say how many people were killed in his part of the shed, but all his friends and relatives were saved.

By Mr. Bowley: Everybody was allowed in his matchbed.

By the Coroner: He could not say what was the cause of the collapse. He saw Shed No. 12 pressing down his shed.

Lo Cheuk San, a shoefit in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, said he had a share in the Wayfoong shed. There were 88 shares in the shed. Mr. Fong Lok Yuen, who managed the booth, was killed. There were three storeys to the shed. No part of the shed was sublet. He saw no cooking done but was not sure whether there was any cooking done there. There were no hot refreshments in the booth for sale, not even tea. When the sheds collapsed he was in the first floor of the shed. They had electric lights in the shed but the lights were not switched on at the time. He first heard a stampede in the upper floor and thought it was merely a case of snatching. He looked up to see what it was, but almost immediately the shed collapsed and he was pinned down by the boards. The shed fell in the direction of Sheds Nos. 8 and 9. He did not hear people shouting. He got out by the Golf Club side. He saw smoke coming out from between Sheds Nos. 8 and 9. He tried to rescue some people, but when he found he could do nothing he went away. He was unable to say what caused the collapse. There were over a hundred people in his shed. This was the first time he had had a share in this booth. He collected tickets at the Grand Stand last year.

By the Crown Solicitor: He did not know who made out the plan (produced) of his matchbed. Quan Ming paid out winnings in his shed.

By Mr. Bowley: There were street entrances to the booth in both the ground floor and the first floor. Any body was allowed to go into the booth. There were openings in the floor to allow people in the first floor to buy sweep tickets in the ground floor. Lo Chuk Man, one of the partners, was seriously injured by the fire. There was no light in the basement. The first sign of the collapse was a commotion over his head which he thought was caused by snatching. He had no detectives in his booth.

The inquiry was adjourned until Monday.

#### CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

The Report for presentation to the Shareholders at the Fortieth Annual General Meeting of the above Company is as follows:—

The General Agents beg to submit to the Shareholders their Report on the Company's business for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The balance at debit of Profit and Loss account amounts to \$463,852.07. As there was a credit of \$53,416.12 brought forward from the previous account, there remains now a balance of \$410,435.95 at the debit of Profit and Loss account, to be carried forward to the new account.

#### CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

The Committee consists of Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. E. S. Shilling, and Messrs. F. Matland, A. O. Lang and H. P. White who offer themselves for re-election.

#### AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and A. R. Love, F.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

#### JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1918.

#### RUB IT IN.

A good many people think rheumatism cannot be cured without taking nauseous medicines. Chamberlain's Pain Balm, however, cures rheumatism in a few minutes and gives relief in a few minutes. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### TELEPHONES AND POSSIBLE INFECTION.

[To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."]

SIR,—In view of the constant and promiscuous use of both public and private telephones in this Colony, may I be permitted to suggest that it might be advisable as a matter of precaution, for all telephones to have daily fastened over the mouthpiece with an india-rubber band; a piece of thin paper, saturated with a solution of camphemol or lysol.

Yours faithfully,

H. E. POLLOCK.

Princes Buildings.

#### THE CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER EPIDEMIC.

MR. F. B. L. BOWLEY has the following questions on the Agenda for Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board:—

i. Is there a sufficient supply in the Colony of the serum required for treatment of cerebro-spinal meningitis? and is it available to private practitioners?

ii. In view of the prevalence of infectious diseases have any instructions been given to the Police to prevent overcrowding in Theatres and other places of public resort?

#### PRECAUTIONS AT CANTON.

Notice is given by the Harbour Master at Canton that, in view of the prevalent epidemic of cerebro-spinal fever at Hongkong, masters of vessels from that port bound for the port of Canton are to pay strict attention to Clause 26 of the Harbour Regulations which reads:—

"Vessels arriving having infectious disease on board, or any disease suspected to be infectious, and vessels any of whose crew or passengers have died of an infectious disease, or of a disease suspected to be infectious, during the voyage, shall, as provided for in the Quarantine Regulations of the port, anchor in Canton anchorage (c)."

Such vessels are on approaching the Harbour, to hoist the Quarantine Flag (letter Q), and keep it flying until pratique has been granted. No person shall be permitted to leave or board such vessel without a permit from the Harbour Master or the Port Health Officer.

In their own interests masters of vessels bound for Canton should endeavour to insure that passengers showing signs of sickness are not allowed to embark at Hongkong.

#### CANTON LOCAL RED CROSS WORKERS.

The Canton Local Red Cross Workers dispatched on March 14th to the Matron, 38th Stationary Hospital, E.E.F., one case, containing the following hospital supplies:—

60 yards butter muslin, 28 pairs pyjamas, 27 flannel shirts, 18 shrouds, 4 surgical suits, 85 pillow cases, 72 handkerchiefs, 48 ward towels, 110 milk covers, 28 tray cloths, 24 table napkins, 7 hot water bottle covers, 6 surgical caps, 5 surgeons' caps, 45 flannel-mantle bandages, 71 cotton-mantle bandages, 54 T. bandages, 64 triangular bandages, 16 eye bandages, 50 rolled bandages, 86 swabs, 32 pairs knitted socks, 2 pairs surgical stockings, 6 pairs knitted slippers, 6 floor swabs, 6 floor mops, 6 Singapore coats, 1 coat and waist coat, 6 pairs socks, 1,000 cigarettes, and books and magazines.

The following letter has been received from Miss Michell, the Matron:—

"Dear Misses:—Have received your kind letter, enclosing bill of lading, insurance and list of comforts sent by the Canton Red Cross Workers—needless to say how grateful we shall be for them all. I think everything is doubly appreciated by the men in hospital in the desert, where it is naturally more difficult to obtain supplies and where every old linen, table napkins and tray cloths for six officers.

The following articles, when you are next sending, we should be glad of:—Shrouds, dysentery pads, socks, handkerchiefs, carpet slippers, butter muslin, old linen, table napkins for sick officers and tray cloths for sick officers.

Playing and patience cards we are always very thankful for. Duck and fanned suits are very acceptable for the sick officers, even old ones, as they arrive often without anything but what they stand up in, and so glad of a change. I am so pleased you have sent us mine. With many thanks."

### DEATH OF MRS. MACLEAN GIBSON.

We deeply regret to announce that Mrs. Gibson, wife of Dr. MacLean Gibson, Superintendent and Secretary of the "Alice Memorial" and Affiliated Hospitals passed away this morning about 6 o'clock after an illness of but a few days' duration from cerebro-spinal meningitis. Mrs. Gibson a week ago was suffering from what was thought to be influenza, but the symptoms of the epidemic which has been prevailing recently in the Colony clearly revealed themselves on Monday afternoon last. This is the third death from the disease among the European population.

Mrs. Gibson, who was about 50 years of age, had resided in the Colony for upwards of twenty years. She came from Invergordon and was married here to Dr. MacLean Gibson. During her residence in the Colony she had endeared herself to a very wide circle of Europeans and Chinese alike, and her death will be widely mourned. The devoted assistance she gave to her husband in his self-sacrificing labours at the charitable institutions of which he is in charge is well-known, and the deepest sympathy is felt throughout the Colony with Dr. MacLean Gibson in his sad bereavement.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, the cortege passing the monument at 4.30.

### THE RE-OPENING OF THE CATHEDRAL ORGAN.

The following is the programme of the Organ Recital which is to be given by Mr. Denman Fuller, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., on Monday next commencing at 8.15:—

- 1.—Choral Song and Fugue.....Welsh
- 2.—The Curlew.....J. J. Horvath
- 3.—Allegro Appassionato.....Arthur Barclay
- 4.—Andante Grazioso.....Stuart Hyman
- 5.—Barcarole.....Gertrude Bennett
- 6.—Out of the Past.....Denman Fuller
- 7.—Military March.....E. Elgar

It will be noticed that it is an entirely English programme.

During the singing of the Hymn a collection will be made in aid of the Organ Fund.

The Cathedral organ has been reconstructed at a cost of \$8,000 and improvements have been effected giving results which we understand, surpass every expectation. Mr. Denman Fuller's organ recitals always attract large congregations, but a recital on an organ which has been so vastly improved will doubtless ensure even a larger attendance than usual on Monday night.

### THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

#### THE HONGKONG BRANCH.

The Hongkong branch of the American Red Cross is completing its organization quite successfully and it is understood that active work along some lines similar to those followed in work at the City Hall is being arranged for by the American women concerned.

There are 72 active members of the local branch at the present time including 45 life members, 5 sustaining members, 12 contributing members and 7 subscribing members, these various grades of membership being based upon varying membership fees. However, the work to be done is based upon contribution usually arranged for upon a monthly basis and the organization is arranging for monthly contributions from members and friends. Membership is not limited to Americans only, but is open to all men and women interested in the work of the American Red Cross. Membership imposes no special obligations but it is usually limited to those who are actually interested in such work.

Members of the Hongkong Chapter are quite enthusiastic as to the prospects of their organization and expect to do very effective work.

### MURDER AT CAUSEWAY BAY.

A Chinese, aged 48, a sugar boiler of the China Sugar Refinery, residing on the first floor of No. 48, Yee Woo Street, was murdered during a quarrel arising out of gambling. Deceased, it was stated, was attacked by two men and his head was smashed with a hatchet. The body was removed to the Public Mortuary yesterday and two men have been arrested in connection with the crime.

The total output of the Kailas Mining Administration, mines for the week ending 2nd March, amounted to 23,259 tons, and the sales during the period, to 68,184 tons.



## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE RUSSIAN PROBLEM.

## THE RUSSO-JAPANESE SITUATION.

## SPEECH BY MR. BALFOUR.

LONDON, Mar. 14. In the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour spoke on the Russo-Japanese situation in reply to Mr. H. B. Lees Smith, Liberal Member for Northampton, who declared there was no evidence that large numbers of German prisoners in Siberia were armed or that Germany intended to dissipate her forces by a mad expedition in Siberia.

Mr. Smith added that the policy of President Wilson was utterly at variance with the policy of Lord Robert Cecil. "If Japan entered Russia, the territory she occupied would not be returned, and there was no possible danger of Germany's occupying Siberia." (Laughter.) Japanese intervention would drive Russia into the orbit of the diplomacy of the Central Powers.

Mr. McCullum Scott, Liberal Member of Bridgeton, affirmed that the real danger was the north-west frontier of India, Afghanistan and Persia.

Mr. Balfour stated that he thought it impossible in the middle of a European war to have found a remedy for the Russian misfortune. He was an optimist as regards Russia, although not optimistic about her immediate future. The policy of the Bolsheviks rendered the country helpless before German aggression. The Bolsheviks now desired to reconstitute the army and would doubtless welcome British assistance in that connection, but the improvisation of a new instrument could not be achieved in a day. It would have taken years to garner the beneficent fruits of the Revolution in a time of peace. How could the process be carried on in time of war with a remorseless and unscrupulous enemy at the gate handling Russia at her own sweet will? That was the Allied problem.

## JAPANESE INTERVENTION IN SIBERIA.

## "WHAT CHINA WILL DO."

LONDON, Mar. 14. Under the title "What China will do," the *Pail Mail Gazette* publishes a long article by the Chinese writer, Mr. S. G. Cheng.

Mr. Cheng says: Obviously, the Japanese troops cannot enter Siberia without the consent of China. China is now at war with Germany and in the interests of the Allies, as well as her own, she would probably consent to the passage of Japanese troops through her north-eastern provinces; moreover, if the German advance eastward menaces Japan, its menace is ten times as real and great to China. The hope, that as a co-belligerent, Power, China will engage herself with Japan in a joint operation, against the common foe, is confirmed by the report that China proposes to dispatch four Divisions of her new army to Siberia as an assistance force to Japan. The next few weeks will probably see an issue of the internal strife in China, but it is hoped that whatever form it may take, it will not prevent the Chinese Government fulfilling its international obligation, if the Allies give it moral support. Its fulfilment will not only help the Allies in the sense that it will compel China to send her troops into the field, but it will also be a moral and spiritual gain to Japan. Hitherto, a suspicion has existed that if Japan once entered Siberia, probably, she would not evacuate it and that the occupation of Siberia probably would involve China in the loss of a portion of Manchuria and Mongolia. The suspicion is, perhaps, an insult to the integrity and honour of Japan, but its existence cannot be ignored. The co-operation of China will end such an unfounded belief as it is only too evident that China, with her vast possessions not yet developed and her traditional fame for equity and justice, will be reluctant to accept any idea of territorial expansion and that circumstances will not permit that joint operation by the two Powers should result in territorial gain by one.

## PRESIDENT WILSON'S MESSAGE TO RUSSIA.

## AMERICANS GREATLY IMPRESSED.

LONDON, Mar. 14. Telegrams from Washington state that President Wilson's message to Russia, which defied diplomatic conventions, has greatly impressed the Americans and is interpreted as demonstrating to Germany that America will not accept a peace which restores France, Italy and Belgium at the sacrifice of the democracies of Eastern Europe.

This issue especially appeals to the immense foreign-born population of the United States.

Officials, who are in touch with the President, anticipate German peace proposals aiming at a free hand in Russia and they declare that President Wilson would regard this as the sacrifice of a principle which he would never accept.

## THE BOLSHIEVKS AND THE PEACE TREATY.

## OVERWHELMING DECISION TO RATIFY IT.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 13. A meeting of the Bolshevik members of the Moscow Conference has decided by a majority of 435 against 30, to ratify the peace treaty.

M. Ryazanov, the well-known theorist of Bolshevism, and the representative of all professional unions, left the party after the decision.

## EVACUATION OF PETROGRAD CONCLUDED.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 14. It is announced that the evacuation of Petrograd has been concluded. Inhabitants are now prohibited from entering or leaving.

All trains have been suspended. The bourgeois newspapers, which had been suspended, are allowed to publish.

## THE BLACK SEA FLEET.

## STILL AT ODESSA.

LONDON, Mar. 14. The *Daily Express* Petrograd Correspondent states that most of the Black Sea Fleet is still at Odessa.

All merchantmen have been transferred to Sevastopol.

## GERMAN AGRARIAN PRESS SUGGESTION.

## SLAVERY FOR RUSSIANS.

ZURICH, Mar. 14. The German agrarian newspapers are urging that all males in occupied Russian territories should be transported to Germany in order to furnish cheap agricultural labour.

## THE AALAND ISLANDS.

## INHABITANTS TO BE DISARMED.

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 14. The Germans have ordered the inhabitants of the Aaland Islands to surrender, all weapons and have abolished the right of holding meetings.

## TURKS ENTER ERZERUM.

LONDON, Mar. 14. A Turkish official message dated March 12 states:—

We entered Erzerum despite serious resistance by the Armenians.

## VLADIVOSTOCK COMMANDANT COMMITS SUICIDE.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 14. The Commandant at Vladivostock has committed suicide.

## GENERAL SMUTE'S RECENT MISSION.

LONDON, Mar. 14. Lord Willoughby de Broke, drew attention in the House of Lords, to statements that General Smute had met Count Mensdorf (formerly Austrian Ambassador to London).

Lord Curzon said that he hesitated to conclude that a question of that kind would lead to highly undesirable discussion and if the noble Lord persisted in putting the question, he would decline to answer it.

## TIN SCARCITY IN UNITED KINGDOM.

LONDON, Mar. 13. Owing to the smallness of the stocks, no licenses will be issued to export tin from the United Kingdom for a period of one month.

## FAR EASTERN WAR HEROES.

## STRAITS SETTLEMENTS MEN MENTIONED.

LONDON, Mar. 13. Mentions for valuable services in the war include the Sultan of Johore and Major Abdul Hamis and Captain Haji Mohammed, both of the Johore military forces; Lieut.-Col. the Hon. A. R. Adams, of the Penang Volunteers; Lieut.-Col. C. H. Lees and Major C. E. Borton, both attached to the Malay States Guides; Lieut.-Col. J. H. Tyne and Captain S. Smith, both of the Malay States Volunteers; Lieut.-Col. G. H. May, ex-Superintendent of Police, Straits Settlements; Captain A. R. Chancellor, Inspector Randall and Constable Ghulam Ali Khan, all of the Straits Settlements Police; Major W. R. Middleton, of the Singapore Field Ambulance and also the following volunteers:—Lieut.-Col. G. A. Derrick; Majors the Hon. F. M. Elliot, Sir E. Ellis, J. R. Glenne, A. M. Thompson; Captains F. Y. Blair, E. A. Brown, J. G. Campbell, C. W. Darbishire, T. C. Hay, J. Le Mansur, D. T. Lewis and G. R. Webb; Lieut. F. H. Templesley, Second Lieut. F. E. Dilley; Privates P. David and G. Hutchison and Sapper J. D. Pierrepont.

## AN IMPERIAL WIRELESS CHAIN AGREEMENT.

## MARCONI COMPANY'S ACTION AGAINST POSTMASTER GENERAL.

LONDON, Mar. 14. An important case has begun at the High Court, in which the Marconi Company ask for a declaration that the Postmaster General, as representing the Home, South African and Indian Governments, will not be permitted to repudiate the agreement dated July 1913 relating to the erection of an Imperial wireless chain.

Sir Edward Carson, on behalf of the plaintiffs, said the agreement provided for the construction of six long-distance stations in England, Egypt, East Africa, India and Singapore, with the object of providing inter-empire communication. Except in regard to England, Egypt and East Africa, the Postmaster General had the right at any time prior to its completion, to cancel the contract on paying compensation. The Post Office repudiated the agreement in December 1914 and stated that the Government had decided not to proceed with the wireless chain and the Postmaster General paid £62,000. Sir Edward Carson contended that the Postmaster General endeavoured to enter into a new agreement with different conditions and read a letter from the Post Office stating that the war had created a new situation with regard to the provision of wireless which necessitated prior consideration of military needs and that the Admiralty's arrangements with the Marconi Company in that respect might later assist in dealing with the problem of commercial development.

The Attorney General, on behalf of the Postmaster General, indicated that the question might arise whether the Marconi Company had terminated the contract before repudiation occurred. The hearing was adjourned.

## THE EDUCATION BILL.

## CONTINUATION SCHOOLS AND CHILD LABOUR.

LONDON, Mar. 14. In the House of Commons, at the second reading of the Education Bill, Sir H. F. Hylbert, Unionist Member for Chorley, contended that the clause compelling attendance of every boy and girl between the ages of 14 and 18 to day continuation schools for 320 hours per year, could not fit in with the working conditions in the Lancashire cotton industry.

The Rt. Hon. W. Hayes Fisher, President of the Local Government Board, replied that the cotton industry was unusually dependent on cheap labour by children. The half time tradition in Lancashire and Yorkshire stood in the way of effective organisation of advanced elementary education throughout the country and he believed the opinion was that the districts affected were ripe for the abandonment of half time.

## COMMERCIAL ATTACHE FOR HONGKONG.

LONDON, Mar. 14. Mr. Steel Maitland, Parliamentary Under Secretary for the Colonies, states that Commercial Attaches will be appointed to China and also at Shanghai, Hongkong and Japan.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Mar. 14. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We raided the enemy's trenches south-eastward of Ephe and brought back prisoners. We successfully repulsed an attempted raid northward of the Ypres-Staden railway. There was reciprocal artillery activity south-westward of Cambrai and increasing hostile artillery activity in the Neuvechappelle and Fankusart sectors.

## A SUCCESSFUL RAID.

LONDON, Mar. 14. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We successfully raided a strong point south-eastward of Polygon wood, inflicted losses and took 37 prisoners. Our casualties were slight. We repulsed a raid south-eastward of Arrambieres. There was considerable hostile artillery activity northward of Lens and astride the La Basses Canal.

## SUCCESSFUL OPERATION BY BELGIANS.

LONDON, Mar. 14. A Belgian communiqué states:—

After a violent bombardment our troops gained a footing in the German trenches south-east of Lombardstede and captured all the occupants but of section. We again advanced and in violent hand-to-hand fighting stopped a counter-attack. There were artillery actions on the whole front yesterday and to-day, which were violent in the Nieuport and Dixmude regions.

## GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Mar. 14. A German official message says:—

We brought down seventeen enemy aeroplanes yesterday, of which three were en route to Freiburg.

## THE PENDING GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

## KAISER EXPECTED IN BRUSSELS.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 14. A correspondent on the frontier announces that the Kaiser, the Crown Prince, Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff are expected in Brussels at the end of the week, and will go from there to the Flanders front.

German officers in Brussels consider that the offensive will begin with the greatest violence at Ypres, the objective being Dunkirk.

## GENERAL FALKENHAYN ARRIVES ON WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, Mar. 14. A telegram from Amsterdam states that General Falkenhayn recently arrived at German Headquarters, probably to assume an important command on the Western Front.

## ENEMY AIRSHIP BOMBS HARTLEPOOL.

LONDON, Mar. 14. The Press Bureau reports that one airship crossed the coast last night and dropped four bombs on Hartlepool demolishing six dwelling houses and damaging thirty. The airship operated from a great altitude and only remained overhead for a few minutes.

The remainder of the bombs appear to have fallen in the sea. One man, one woman and three children were killed and three men, one woman and five children were injured.

## NORTH-EAST COAST ATTACKED.

LONDON, Mar. 14. The Press Bureau states that one or two warships (airships) attacked the north-east coast this evening. Twenty bombs have fallen near the coast.

## SUCCESSFUL SEAPLANE ENGAGEMENT OVER NORTH SEA.

LONDON, Mar. 14. The Admiralty announces that two seaplanes on Tuesday, attacked five enemy aircraft over the northern part of the North Sea. They shot down and destroyed one enemy two-seater and killed the observer of a second machine. They also drove down on the water another seaplane.

The engagement lasted thirty minutes and only terminated when the British had expended their ammunition. Our machines returned.

## THE AMERICAN NATIONAL ARMY.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14. Several divisions of the American National Army have been ordered to be in readiness for active service.

The War Department is gratified at the results of the intensive training.

## TROUBLE AVOIDED.

HAT little cold and sore throat of yours must be checked at once or it may develop into something worse. Take a few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and your troubles will soon vanish. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

## SIR A. GEDDES' APPEAL.

## DIVIDED COUNSELS WILL WEAKEN FORCES.

LONDON, Mar. 14. Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service, speaking at Bristol, said the failure of Russia and the consequent release of German prisoners had altered the whole balance of the war, straining Britain unprecedentedly. One million six hundred thousand enemy troops could be transferred to the West and the main burden of the Allies for the present rested on this country. The German armies were distributed equally in France and Flanders, but on the British Front they were massed in great blocks. If Germany saw a chance she would strike not only our forces but the heart of England. We could meet the blow if all pulled together. The Army was now taking men aged forty-three. Men up to fifty were wanted for home defence.

Sir Auckland Geddes said he believed we should parry the blow at such cost to Germany as would bring the end appreciably near; but if there were divided counsels in the next few weeks the defensive forces and the activities of the Government would be weakened.

## MORE GERMAN BARBARITY.

## UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT ON HOSPITAL SHIP.

LONDON, Mar. 14. The Admiralty announces that the hospital ship *Guildford Castle* homeward bound, was unsuccessfully attacked by a submarine at the entrance to the Bristol Channel on the evening of March 10, while flying Red Cross flags and with all hospital ship lights on.

Wounded soldiers who were aboard when the ship was attacked, interviewed at Bristol, stated that the ship left South Africa on February 18, with 450 wounded from German East Africa, also doctors, nurses and ambulances. The ship was newly painted. The submarine attacked at 5.30 on Sunday afternoon west of Lundy Island. One torpedo missed, but the other struck the ship aft, below the water-line on the port side. It failed to explode, but made a big hole, flooding part of the ship. The watertight doors were closed and the wounded brought on deck, and the boats half lowered. The wireless brought five destroyers within five minutes; but they found the damage not serious and the ship went at full speed to Avonmouth.

## GERMAN AGENTS IN SWITZERLAND AND SWEDEN.

LONDON, Mar. 14. A telegram from Washington states that information has been received that German agents are active in Switzerland and Sweden, trying to create an atmosphere favourable to peace conferences.

Placards have been smuggled into the French lines with a view to repeating the tactics which succeeded in Italy. Some distributors of placards were summarily shot.

## BRITISH AND AMERICANS FROM FINLAND CAPTURED.

LONDON, Mar. 14. A telegram from Stockholm states that a number of British and Americans who left Finland in neutral vessels, have been captured.

Those of military age were sent to Germany.

## THE TONNAGE PROBLEM.

## MARITIME TRANSPORT COUNCIL SITTING.

LONDON, Mar. 14. The Press Bureau announces that for the purpose of obtaining the most effective use of tonnage, an Allied Maritime Transport Council, with Lord Robert Cecil presiding, met in London on March 11 and is still sitting.

## NEGOTIATIONS TO SECURE DUTCH TONNAGE.

THE HAGUE, Mar. 14. A Note from the Foreign Minister with reference to the negotiations for an economic arrangement with the Allies, says it is proposed to place 500,000 tons of Dutch trans-Atlantic shipping at the disposal of the Allies. In return America proposes to export 100,000 tons of wheat to Holland.

## REPORTED SERBIAN PEACE FOUR-PARTIES DENIED.

LONDON, Mar. 15. The Press Bureau states that the Serbian Legation emphatically denies the rumours circulated by Germany of peace negotiations between Serbia and her enemies.

## RUSSIA.

## GERMANS CONTINUE OPERATIONS.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 14. The Germans occupied Aba on March 12 and, marching into the interior, continued their operations in southern Russia and occupied Tchernoff.

The Turks have occupied the whole of the Baku region.

## A LIFV RAYE.

It is safe to say that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has saved the lives of more people and relieved more suffering than any other remedy in existence. It is known all over the world for its speedy relief of colds, coughs, croup, whooping cough, and all other ailments of the throat and chest. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

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REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

An informal meeting of all superintendents and inspectors is called by the D.S.P. for Monday, March 18th at Headquarters Club at 5.30 p.m.

EQUIPMENT. PARADES.

All ranks in the Colony, including Examples and Medical Examples, are required to attend with their respective units. The latter may stand in multi-attention if drawn up as set out below.

12th and 13th Units will report to Headquarters Club as set out below.

Monday, March 18th—Staff, Mounted Police and Ambulance Platoon.

Tuesday, March 19th—Band and Buglers and Drummers.

Wednesday, March 20th—All ranks who have not previously attended.

EXERCISES DUTIES.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to Departmental Orders 83 and 94. These Orders apply to all Emergency Duties, whatever the rank or locality of the unit. The Reserve Force may be called on at any time of emergency. The expression "Staff Inspectors" in D.O. 64 shall mean only those who are ex-members of a Regular Police Force.

A list of all members above the rank of Constable, showing their seniority in the Police Reserve Force, is exhibited on the Notice Board. Any corrections must be submitted in writing on or before Monday, March 18th. A Board will subsequently be appointed to decide any questions arising.

The Band Practice ordered for Tuesday, March 19th, is cancelled.

ATTACHED.

From H.K. Defence Corps—P.O. 431 C.E. Thomas (Sergeant H.K.D.C.) P.O. 432 E. Cobb.

By Order—J. F. Horan, A.S.P. (R.) and Adjutant.

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Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant

STRENGTH.  
No. 553 Pte. N. Burns was enrolled on 7.1.18 and posted to Mounted Section.

No. 554 Gnr. S. Edwards was enrolled on 8.1.18 and posted to Artillery Co.

Spr. C. H. Arnold, Engineer Co., is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 9th March, 1918.

Spr. D. J. Finlayson, Engineer Co., is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 10th March, 1918.

Pte. H. P. Stoneham, "B" Co., is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 10th March, 1918.

2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Bead, Cadet Co., is granted 1 month's leave, from 23.3.18.

Pte. C. Hodgson, Engineer Co., is granted 30 days' leave, from 18.3.18.

Pte. A. A. Claxton, "A" Co., is granted 9 months' leave, from 1.4.18.

Pte. H. R. Harding, "A" Co., is granted 8 weeks' leave, from 18.3.18.

Pte. S. H. West, "B" Co., is granted 2 months' leave, from 15.3.18.

Pte. O. R. Chunyut, "B" Co., is granted 2 months' leave, from 9.4.18.

Pte. V. Goulborn, M.G. Co., is granted leave for the duration of the War, from 26.3.18.

Spr. R. K. Duncan, Engineer Co., is granted 6 weeks' leave, from 7.4.18.

Spr. W. Manning, Engineer Co., is granted 2 months' leave, from 19.3.18.

Annual Musketry Course, Individual Field Practices, at Kowloon City Range, on Sunday, 24th inst., for all N.C.O.s and men of "A" and "B" Companies, Mounted Section and Signalling Section who have not completed these practices.

Note.—Only those who have passed the Tests of Elementary Training may fire these practices.

PARADE.  
At Blake Pier at 8.30 a.m. and proceed by launch to Kowloon City.

Marching order. Helmets to be worn. Lieut. Evan-Jones and 2nd Lieut. Thomas will attend.

TRANSFERS.  
No. 105 Corp. J. E. Eldridge, Engineer Co., is transferred to the Hongkong Police Reserve, dated 13th March, 1918.

ATTACHED.  
No. 875 Pte. J. Brook, "D" Co., is attached to the Hongkong Police Reserve from 13th March, 1918.

COMMUNICATIONS DRILL.  
At Headquarters on Tuesday, 19th March, at 6 p.m. Officers and N.C.O.s of "A" and "B" Companies will attend. Other Officers and N.C.O.s may attend if they so desire. Platoon Drill will be practised.

LECTURE.  
At Headquarters, on Friday, 22nd March, at 6 p.m. Subject, Map Reading and Field Sketching.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, Y.D.

PARADES AT BELCHERS BATTERY.  
Monday, 18th inst.—  
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company. D.R.F. Class only.

7.30 a.m.—Left Half Company. D.R.F. Class only.

Tuesday, 19th inst.—  
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company. Full drill, with the exception of D.R.F. Class.

7.30 a.m.—Left Half Company. Full drill, with the exception of D.R.F. Class.

Thursday, 21st inst.—  
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company. D.R.F. Class only.

7.30 a.m.—Left Half Company. D.R.F. Class only.

Friday, 22nd inst.—  
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company. Full drill, with the exception of D.R.F. Class.

7.30 a.m.—Left Half Company. Full drill, with the exception of D.R.F. Class.

Monday, 18th inst.—  
5.10 p.m.—Drill at Kowloon Dock, Nos. 1 and 2 Guns only. Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Queen's Statue Pier at 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 19th inst.—  
7.20 a.m.—No. 3 Gun at Headquarters.

Wednesday, 20th inst.—  
5.10 p.m.—Drill at Headquarters, Nos. 4 and 5 Guns only.

Thursday, 21st inst.—  
5.10 p.m.—Drill at Headquarters. The following men only need attend:—  
Ptes. Field, Irvine, Latham, Logan, McKern, Pinget and Stapleton.

WEDNESDAY SECTION.  
Monday, 18th inst.—  
4.45 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Note.—Only those who have passed the Tests of Elementary Training may fire.

5.15 p.m.—At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, Drill order.

## Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

15th to 22nd inst.—  
L.L. MANNING RIFLES.

Parades as per rosters posted at Headquarters. Engine drivers at 6.15 p.m. electricians at 6.30 p.m.

OFFICERS' MEET FOR TUESDAY.  
Belchers, Capt. Russell, Lieutenants 2nd Lieut. Hill, Stonecutters, Lieut. Stevenson.

Instruction for N.C.O.s and men of Infantry Battalion attached for duty.—  
Class 1 at Belchers at 6.30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Class 2 at Belchers at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Class 3 at Lyceum at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, under Staff.

Sergeants, Overend and Parsons, R.E. Corp. Day and 2nd Corp. Noctis, H.R.D.C., at Belchers; and Staff Sergeants Barclay and White, R.E. and Sergt. Williams, H.R.D.C. at Lyceum.

Detail of duties, at Lyceum from 17th to 21st March, is posted at Headquarters.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

"A" Company.  
PARADES.

Monday, 18th inst.—  
4.45 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Note.—Only those who have passed the Tests of Elementary Training may fire. Capt. Preston will attend.

Tuesday, 19th inst.—  
5.15 p.m.—Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Platoons on Cricket Ground. Platoon Drill. Dress, Drill order.

"B" Company.  
Monday, 18th inst.—  
4.45 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Note.—Only those who have passed the Tests of Elementary Training may fire.

Tuesday, 19th inst.—  
5.15 p.m.—Nos. 1 and 2 Sections at Kennedy Road Range.

5.30 p.m.—Band Practice at Headquarters.

Wednesday, 20th inst.—  
5.15 p.m.—Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Gun Club Hill Range.

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5.15 p.m.—At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, Drill order without pouches.

SHOOTING SECTION.  
Monday, 18th inst.—  
4.45 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Note.—Only those who have passed the Tests of Elementary Training may fire.

Wednesday, 20th inst.—  
4.45 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 13, 14 and 15, at King's Park Range. Dress, as above.

Friday, 22nd inst.—  
4.45 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 15 and 16, at King's Park Range. Dress, as above.

STRETCHER BEARER SECTION.  
Tuesday, 19th inst.—  
5.15 p.m.—Parade at Headquarters.

Monday, 18th and Friday, 22nd inst.—  
5.15 p.m.—At Lyceum, except "D" Company, on Murray Parade Ground, under Sergeants Overend and Edmonds and Corp. Grimes. Dress, Drill order.

"D" COMPANY.  
Tuesday, 19th inst.—  
4.45 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Practices 1, 2 and 3, at King's Park Range for all N.C.O.s and men of Nos. 1 and 2 Sections who have not fired these practices. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Thursday, 21st inst.—  
4.45 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Practices 1, 2 and 3, at King's Park Range for all N.C.O.s and men of Nos. 3 and 4 Sections who have not fired these practices. Dress, as above.

Friday, 22nd inst.—  
5.15 p.m.—All Sections. Rifle exercises and Section drill on Murray Parade Ground. Dress—Drill order.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. T. E. W. Bead.

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